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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the present application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction between groups I-II as set forth on page 2 of the

Office Action.

Applicants elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3 and 7. The requirement is traversed

because (1) there are overlapping technical features between the two groups of claims and/or (2)

there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to examine both groups of claims. At least, it

is requested that Group II, Claims 4-6 (method claims) be rejoined as Group I is found allowable.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno, Registration No.

L0053, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to

expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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